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ESTABLISHMENT OF A CHINA TASK FORCE

1. In order to provide (a) a focal point for the monitoring of all of the Agency's intelligence production on Communist China [of efforts in support of production, and of special projects in support of the community's China programs, and] (b) a focal point for ^{receiving} responding to requirements and requests relating to China which originate outside ^{CIR} [the Directorate of Intelligence], there is established a China Task Force.

2. The functions of the China Task Force (CTF) shall include:

(a) monitoring the Agency's production programs on China, i.e. assessing their progress in answering the priority intelligence questions as formulated by USIB, assessing the relationships of these programs to one another, and making recommendations for their improvement;

(b) reviewing substantive developments and revising or recommending the revision of existing production programs in response to those developments;

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(c) responding to other requirements and requests originating outside the Directorate of Intelligence (e.g. from the Director, the DCI China Coordinator, and other agencies) for unscheduled substantive production (including special projects and briefings);

(d) monitoring the work of the DD/I's supporting components (including collection guidance), and making recommendations for improving it;

to (a)
(e) monitoring the work of the coordinators of existing special projects related to China, e.g. the coordinator of the reporting of Chinese Communist weaknesses and vulnerabilities, and the coordinator of the Agency's relations with the China centers in the universities and with the academic consultants on China; and

(f) in all of this, supporting the work of the DCI's China Coordinator, who is himself charged with monitoring and reviewing the community's collective efforts against China and making recommendations to eliminate deficiencies and to effect improvements.

3. In carrying out its functions,

(a) with respect to monitoring production programs and revising them in response to developments, the China Task Force shall make its recommendations at intervals directly to the DD/I, except that

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(b) with respect to national estimates, its recommendations shall be made to the Director ^{of} ~~for~~ National Estimates; X

(c) with respect to responding to requirements originating outside the Directorate of Intelligence, the CTF shall be empowered to decide which of these can be met, to devise means of doing so, to make assignments, and to coordinate the returns for submission to the DD/I, except when the requirement is so large or complex that it must be referred to the DD/I Executive Council for decision; ✓

(d) with respect to monitoring the work of the DD/I's supporting components, the CTF shall make its recommendations to the Director of Intelligence Support; X ✓

(e) with respect to the work of the coordinators of special projects, the CTF shall supervise and direct that work, while assisting the coordinators in getting the necessary substantive support from the production components; and

(f) with respect to the work of the DCI China Coordinator, the CTF shall maintain direct liaison with him and shall be responsive to his requests for substantive and other support.

4. The China Task Force shall be composed of:

(a) a chairman,

who shall be concurrently the DD/I-O/EE-C/SI representative in the DCI China Coordinator's group of China Representatives;

(b) a secretariat, composed of elements of the current China Intelligence Study Group (CHINTELL), which has been carrying out some of the functions now assigned to the CTF and which will now be reconstituted as the CTF secretariat; and

(c) representatives of all of the major components of the Directorate of Intelligence concerned with production on China, of the Office of National Estimates, of the Office of Scientific Intelligence, and of selected supporting components, and the coordinators of special projects.

5. It is envisaged that the China Task Force will meet weekly or thereabouts, but it may meet at any time to consider unusually important developments or to respond to urgent requests. Its secretariat, charged with the routine work of the CTF, will operate informally on a daily basis, preparing the agenda for the meetings and implementing the decisions taken.

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6. Mr. _____ of the Office
of _____ is hereby designated Chairman
of the China Task Force. The composition of the
secretariat, and the names of CTF members, will be
announced shortly, as will the date of the first meeting.